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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT(S) : Fuchs, et al.  
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**Amendment/Response in Application**

In response to the Examiner's office action of April 18, 2007, Applicants present the following amendment to the previously pending claims in an effort to expedite allowance of the present application. Claims 3-9, 12 and 13 as amended, are now pending in the present application.

Applicants assert that the Examiner's rejection of the previously filed claims has now been obviated with the filing of the present amendment and that the presently pending claims are now in condition for allowance.